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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

Town of Stratham,

Commencing March 2d, 1852, and

Ending February 23d, 1853.

Account of Collector Barker.

Amount of tax committed to him for collection for
the year 1852 \$1984,50

Collector Barker's discharge.

Paid State Tax	269,50
" County tax	427,65
" Abatement of taxes	8,30
" Highway taxes of non-resident work'd out	22,18
" Selectmen in cash	1040,43
" Collector for his services	14,88
	<hr/> \$1782,94

This day examined the foregoing account of collector Barker, and find them fairly brought and rightly cast and vouched, and a balance in his hands of two hundred one dollars fifty-six cents due the town to complete his collection, \$201,56

NOAH P. WIGGIN, }
JOHN SCAMMON, } *Auditors.*

Stratham, Feb. 24th, 1853.

Money received by the Selectmen.

Received of the Treasurer of 1851	\$163,81
" of Literary fund	33,24
" of Railroad tax	55,84
" of John French, money borrowed	100,00
" of the Co'ty for paupers on the farm	202,25
" of collector Barker in cash	1040,43
	<hr/> \$1595,57

Selectmen's discharge.

Paid B. D. Loughton for service as auditor	\$1,25
" J. O. Wiggins	1,50
" Sam'l Jones, service as Selectman after auditing	2,00
" Levi Merrill for the support of Sarah Calley	2,00
" Non-resident tax to the town of Exeter	19,88
" Nancy Jewett interest on a note to Aaron Jewett	61,80
" David French an abatem't of his poll tax for 1850 and '51, he being too old	1,88
" Dewitt C. Jewell for wood	1,25
" Smith, Hall & Clarke for printing town accounts and school report	11,00
" L. & F. Kenniston in full for Selectmen's and Auditors' expenses	9,50
" Samuel Jones in full for a note of hand	107,25
" " " for repairs on school-house in Dist. No. 2, in 1851	1,85
" Elbridge W. Robinson for breaking roads in Feb'y 1852	2,24
" E. W. Robinson for 1 1-2 inch plank in 1850	1,36
" B. H. Jewett for guide-boards	2,60
" N. M. Barker school money of 1851 for Dist. No. 3	79,00
" Peter Folsom abatemet of tax for 1851, he being overrated	1,07
" Hiram Wiggins for wood	2,50
" Reuben B. Smith, services as surveyor more than his tax	1,46
" Charles Ham, abatement of his tax for 1851, he being overrated	,31
" Thomas Horn for ringing bell and sweeping hall	1,00
" G. C. Brown, abatement on 2 1-2 acres of Marsh, for 1851 & '52, he having sold the same and on chaise for 1852	,67
" do. do. for breaking roads in Feb. 1852	58
" D. W. C. Jewell for wood	6,00
" Z. J. Wiggins for appletrees and setting the same on town farm	21,12
" Noah Piper for wood	1,25
" John S. Harvey for blank books & stationery	1,89
" Jonathan Piper for 8th Co. of Infantry	2,00
" S. A. & B. F. Haley, satinet for B. Philpot	1,54
" Francis Grant for blank warrants & a blank book	,62
" Geo. Wiggins, abate't, he being overrated, two hun- dred forty-six dollars on money	1,23

Paid Elizabeth Wiggin arrear of surplus interest in full to 1853	3,60
" Z. B. French, making return of Inventory, going to B. H. Jewett's, town farm, and to Exeter	1,50
" do. do. 1 1-2 day's work at the town farm	1,50
" do. do. expenses incurred going to Somersworth to settle for the support of the Rundlett family	1,78
" do. do. 3 lbs of nails at town farm	,15
" do. do. repairing churn at "	,17
" do. do. postage	,15
" do. do. Selectmen's expenses to Feb. 3d, 1853	4,00
" Ebenezer H. Berry for service as superintend't on the Town Farm	170,00
" do. do. for cash paid on the following bills.	
" do. do. difference between cooking stoves	13,00
" do. do. for an independent horse rake	12,00
" do. do. Rowell & Rowe's saw bill 1851	6,08
" do. do. Lovering & Jewell for 1 M. shingles	3,50
" do. do. Wm. Robinson 1 1-2 cords manure	6,00
" do. do. Yeaton & Taylor for a cultivator	4,50
" J. H. Diman, record'g marriages, births & deaths	3,88
" do. tax list	2,00
" do. do. services as Town Clerk	6,00
" do. do. for record book	4,00
" Octave Loughton his surplus interest	,40
" George H. Odell for medicine and medical attend'e on James Bowley, in Feb. 1852	5,00
" do. do. on Hannah Berry, "	3,00
" do. do. on Sarah and Caroline M. Calley to March 15, 1852	4,50
" Susannah Norton her surplus interest for 1852	,40
" Z. B. French for mak'g entries when not in session	,62
" Levi Hoag for the supp't of Eben'r H. Robinson in 1849	2,00
" Elizabeth Rundlett, abatem't of James Rundlett's poll tax, for 1851, he having died	1,10
" John Scammon for a policy of insurance and expense on the same, it being for the build-ings on the farm	2,68
" do. do. Fisher Brothers, sheeting for B. Philpot	,48
" do. do. for going to Exeter to draw a complaint and warrants, and making an obligation between the town and Wm. G. Perry	3,00

Paid Mark F. Young for wood	5,00
" Geo. Wiggin for benefit school Dist. No. 4, 1851	3,61
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	\$625,20

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Levi Jewell for stock and work on bridges	32,05
" do do. for lumber & labor on bridge in 1851	1,94
" Reuben B. Smith for repairing bridges	1,00
" Joel F. Moore for stone for a bridge	3,00
" John Smart for irons and rails for a bridge	1,62
" Joseph Wiggin for stone for a bridge	6,25
" " for services as surveyor more than his tax	2,00
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	\$47,86

Schools.

Paid District No. 1,	\$130,00
No. 2,	127,50
No. 3,	130,00
No. 4,	130,00
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	\$517,50

School Houses.

Paid Elisha Chase for repairs on school house in Dist.	
No. 1,	3,09
repairs on No. 2,	1,93
No. 3,	28,03
No. 3, in 1851,	4,00
No. 4,	1,25
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	\$38,30

School Committees.

Paid George H. Odell, superintending,	\$15,00
" E. Chase, jr., prudential,	2,50
" B. D. Loughton,	2,00
" N. M. Barker,	2,00
" James S. Tilton,	2,00
" N. M. Barker, in 1851,	2,00
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	\$25,50

Expenses of the Poor.

Paid John Marsh for the support of James Bowley in his last sickness,	\$5,00
‘ funeral expenses of the same,	5,50
‘ the town of Somersworth for expenses incurred for the family of John Rundlett,	50,88

\$61,38

*Town of Stratham to Z. B. French, Dr., for services as Se-
lectman.*

1852.

Feb. 28, 1 day auditing accounts,	\$1,00
March 1 & 2, preparing town accounts for printing,	2,00
‘ going to Exeter to get them printed,	1,00
‘ 6th, to Exeter to get the printed accounts,	,75
‘ distributing the same,	,75
‘ 9th, half day on the qualification of voters,	,50
‘ 22, to B. H. Jewett’s and Geo. B. Fifield’s,	,50
April 19 & 20, making assessment,	2,00
‘ 24, to Stephen Scammon and Geo. B. Fifield,	,50
‘ 27, to Portsmouth on town business,	1,00
‘ 30, to distributing surveyor’s books,	,75
‘ to making State, County, town, school and high- way, resident and non-resident taxes and lists of the same,	8,00
May 27, half day on town business,	,50
‘ to going to John French’s and N. M. Barker’s,	,50
June 12, to John Scammon,	,25
July 14, to town farm,	,50
Aug. 14, half day widening highway,	,50
Sept. 11, attending jury meeting,	,25
‘ 24, to Aaron Jewett’s on town business,	,25
Oct. 16, one day making warrants and check list,	1,00
‘ 30, on qualifications of voters,	,50
Nov. 47, one day to Somersworth to settle pauper case,	1,00
‘ 27, to Exeter on account of James Bowley,	,75
Dec. 20, revising jury box,	,50

1853.

Jan. 22, attending jury meeting,	,25
‘ 27, 1 day in session,	1,00
Feb. 9, 1 do. do.	1,00
‘ 14 & 15, to Levi Merrill’s, town farm, and Exeter to settle for County paupers,	2,00
‘ 17, making check lists and warrants,	1,00

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Feb. 18, posting up the same,	,50
“ 21, in session 1 day,	1,00
“ 23, 1 day at town farm to settle with the Superintendent,	1,00
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	\$33,00

Town of Stratham to Geo. B. Fifield, Dr.,

1852.

Feb. 29, to 1 day auditing town accounts,	1,00
March 1 & 2, to 2 days making town accounts,	2,00
“ 6, to distributing town accounts,	,25
“ 10, to half day in session,	,50
“ 19, to going to Exeter on town business,	,50
April 2, 3, 5, 9 & 10, five days taking inventory,	6,25
“ 17, to 1 day examining wood lots,	1,25
“ 19 & 20, 2 days assessing taxes,	2,00
“ 21, to making an inventory of the polls and ratable estates of the town, to the Secretary of the State, for 1851,	,50
May 19, to going to Exeter on town business,	1,00
Aug. 14, to one half day widening roads,	,62
Oct. 16, to one day to make warrants for town meeting to choose electors of President and Vice President,	1,00
“ 30, to one half day regulating check list	,50

1853.

Jan. 20, to one half day revising jury box,	,50
“ 27, to one day at the town farm, and B. H. Jewett's on town business,	1,00
Feb. 9, to one half day in session at B. H. Jewett's,	,50
“ 17, to one day at Z. B. French's, making check lists and warrants, &c.,	1,00
“ 21, to one half day in session at B. H. Jewett's,	,50
“ 23, to one day at the town farm to settle with the Superintendent,	1,00
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\$21,87

Town of Stratham to B. H. Jewett, Dr.

1852.

March 15, to going to Exeter on town business,	,50
“ 17, to going to G. B. Fifield's,	,25
“ 19, to going to G. B. Fifield's, and Exeter,	,50
April 2 & 3, to two days taking inventory,	2,50
“ 5, 9 & 10, to three days taking inventory,	3,75
“ 17, to one day examining wood lots,	1,25

April 19 & 20, to two days making assessment,	2,00
“ 29, to distributing Surveyor's books,	,50
May 10, to carrying pauper to town farm,	,25
“ 19, to carrying pauper to town farm,	,25
“ 24, to going to Z. B. French's on town business,	,25
August 14, to half day widening road,	,50
Sept. 11, to attending jury meeting,	,25
“ 22, to self and horse to Epping on town business,	1,50
Oct. 16, to one day making warrants,	1,00
“ 26, to going to G. B. Fifield's,	,25
Oct. 30 & Nov. 2, to half day on qualification of voters,	,50
Nov. 10, to going to Exeter on account of J. Bowley,	,50
“ 13, to going to Exeter, do. do.	,50
“ 26, to settling bills on account of J. Bowley,	,25
Dec. 20, to going to Exeter on account of J. M. Bowley's boys,	,25
“ to regulating jury box,	,50
1853.	
Jan. 22, to attending jury meeting,	,25
“ 27, to half day in session,	,50
“ 29, to self & horse to Portsmouth on town business,	1,50
Feb. 9, to half day in session,	,50
“ 17, one day making warrants and check list,	1,00
“ 21, to half day in session,	,50
“ 23, to one day at town farm,	1,00
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	\$23,25

Recapitulation.

Paid Selectmen's bills,	\$78,12
“ sundry bills,	625,20
“ roads and bridges,	47,86
“ Schools,	517,50
“ School houses,	38,30
“ School Committee,	25,50
“ expenses of the Poor,	61,38
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	\$1,393,86

Stratham, Feb. 24th, 1853.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and find them rightly cast and vouched, and a sum of two hundred two dollars and seventy-three cents remaining in their hands.

\$202,73.

NOAH P. WIGGIN, }
JOHN SCAMMON, } Auditors.

Notes outstanding against the Town.

John Scammon,	\$112,00
Aaron Jewett,	1,050,00
Benjamin Moulton,	240,00
John French,	550,00
James Rollins,	106,00
Ebenezer H. Berry,	475,00
Misses. Kenniston's,	250,00
Josiah Burley,	220,00

Amount of claims against the town other than notes of hand,	\$90,00
	<hr/> \$3093,00

Amount of claims due the Town.

Cash in the Selectmens hands,	\$202,73
One Note of hand,	75,00
Due from Collector Barker,	201,56
Surplus of hay and potatoes on the farm,	95,00
Provisions and stock more than last year,	135,00
	<hr/> \$709,29

Amount of town indebtedness,	\$2,383,71
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Town Farm.

Expenditures	514,71
Superintendent's services	170,00
	<hr/> \$684,71
Receipts from the Farm	634,14
From the County for Paupers supported by the Farm	159,50
Surplus of Hay and Potatoes	95,00
Provisions and Stock more than last year	135,00
Sum total of receipts	<hr/> \$1023,64
Sum total of expenditures	684,71
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Balance in favor of the Farm	338,93

NOTE.—If the note of one hundred twelve dollars which was not known to the Selectmen last year, had been omitted this, it would have shown a reduction of the town debt two hundred sixty-five dollars twenty-six cents.

Z. B. FRENCH,	} Selectmen of Stratham.
GEO. B. FIFIELD,	
B. H. JEWETT,	

The Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF STRATHAM,

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING

REPORT

of the condition, &c., of the Schools in said town the past year:

NAMES OF TEACHERS.	District No. of	No. of weeks taught, { Winter, { Summer,	Whole No. in each School,	Average attendance, { Winter { Summer	No. over 16 years of age in each School,	No. under 16 years of age in each School,	Wages per month exclusive of Board,	Amount of money raised by Taxes,	Amount appropriated for each School,	Amount of local Funds,	No. of visits by S. S. C.	No. of visits by P. S. C.	No. of visits by citizens,
ANN S. CONNER,	17	62	41	4	58	9,50					2	1	1
T. N. HAINES,	1 9½	50	38	7	43	18,00		1,30			2	2	0
AUGUSTA MOULTON,	17	43	27	0	43	3,00					4	1	30
DANIEL W. JONES,	2 10	54	48	4	50	21,00		1,30			3	1	12
MARY J. PIPER,	15	43	31	0	43	8,00					2	0	15
JAMES H. DIMAN,	3 12	49	41	10	39	20,00		1,30			2	0	10
MARY J. GILSON,	16	33	27	1	32	7,00					4	0	11
J. J. SCAMMON,	4 11½	32	29	4	28	20,00		1,30			2	0	0
TOTAL,	4 65 43	366	282	30	331	111,50	4,62	5,20	2,50	21	5	79	

Our Teachers the past year, have not fallen a whit behind those of any previous year, in point of talents, interest or aptness to teach. Some of them are teachers of the first order. In all the schools, scholars made very good improvement in the various branches pursued. I believe very general satisfaction has been given, and I know of no one instance, where the teacher may not be re-employed with profit to the district.

Reading, in the majority of instances, has received, to a good degree, that attention its importance demands, and any one in the habit of visiting the schools, I am persuaded, will bear me witness that there has been very marked improvement in reading within the last two years, this is attributable in a great measure to the adoption of a Regular Series of Reading Books.

Spelling has also received a good share of attention, the practice of writing the words on the slate is attended with good results. All scholars that can write may practice this with profit.

Two years since, acting upon the recommendation of former committees and also of the Board of Education, we resolved to lay aside the promiscuous and numerous set of reading books that were then in use, and introduce a regular series, this we did, no particular series being recommended by the Board of Education, choice was made of Mandevill's. These being used exclusively in Exeter and other neighboring villages. After careful examination the Board of Education wisely made choice of and recommended Town's Series. Wishing to follow as far as practicable the recommendations of this Honorable Board, and give the rising generation the best available means of acquiring a good Education, and as our old books had been in use two years, a great majority of them were entirely unfit for use, being soiled and torn, it appeared to me a favorable opportunity to make the exchange with the least possible expense. This exchange met with a very favorable reception throughout the Town.—Some few neglected to do it perhaps for want of funds to pay the difference between the old worn out book and a new one. These were gratuitously furnished.

Let Parents visit the schools. That will cut off the source of many difficulties. How often it is we hear Parents find fault with the teacher for neglect of duty, partiality, severity of punishment, or want of discipline, who never are seen in the school room, but gain their knowledge of the teacher's worthlessness through some lazy, idle, refractory scholar.

If Parents would often visit the schools, they would seldom find teachers as represented by such scholars—nor yet would they be likely to take their children from school, thinking they are ill used, or that the school is worse than useless to them. Come and see if these things are as represented, and condemn no teacher, till you have been an eye witness to his faults.

GOOD DISCIPLINE. Some of our teachers have excelled in this respect. Our commissioner remarked “he had not visited the same number of schools in any town in the County, that appeared so well, as did those he visited here.” In justice to the teachers, I will mention. He visited the winter schools in districts No. 2, 3, and 4, all that were then in session. Some of our summer schools were equally deserving commendation.

All were not perfect, in some instances, whispering, (the source of many evils in the school room,) buzzing, and shuffling with the feet, and the like unnecessary disturbance, have received too little attention.

Where a teacher fails in *good government*, that school cannot excel. The charms, every thing desirable in a school-room are in a great measure lost.

To secure good government in some instances is the most difficult task the teacher has to perform ; but when there is not good discipline the teacher is not generally exclusively at fault, it is impossible or to say the least, a very difficult affair, for a teacher to maintain correct discipline, without the good sentiment and co-operation of the district. Without dwelling upon evils past, let me suggest a remedy. Let it no longer be left with one to make and execute the Laws of the school room. Let the district at large do this. At the next Annual school meeting, let a committee be appointed to draught a code of laws, necessary for the good government and healthy progress of the school.—Let them be read discussed, modified, revised in such a manner if possible, to meet the good sense and approval of every intelligent man in the district. Then in the execution of which, every one will feel in duty bound to give his support.

GOOD MANNERS AND MORALS. It appears to me, if our schools were perfect in all other respects, they would still fall far short of fulfilling the object designed for them, while so little attention is paid to this very important part of early Education. There is a want of proper respect among scholars for each other—Freedom of thought

and action so far as it is in accordance with good breeding and cultivated taste should be cherished and encouraged by the instructor.— This is necessary for the healthy development of youth Physically and Intellectually. But Profanity and Misdemeanor, in every form, should receive its just rebuke, and its evil consequences every teacher should impress upon the minds of his pupils. Yet how frequent it is our senses are shocked, and finer feelings disturbed by the Profanity and ill manners of the rising generation. In all the walks of life, our Social, Civil, Religious and Political meetings are undeniable proofs of the want of this healthful influence of the school room.— The cultivation of good manners, politeness to each other, due respect to superiors, and a reverence for things sacred; the Sabbath, the Bible, and particularly a reverence for the Deity is, and of a right ought to be a duty of the first importance with every instructor in the neglect of which, no teacher can faithfully fulfil the duties of his responsible office. And I am persuaded there is not a parent in Stratham, but will fully justify me in these remarks, not one, but wishes aye even expects his children to receive moral as well as intellectual instruction. “Agreeable and courteous manners are the only valuable possessions that do not cost much.” They should be reckoned among the first attainments of a good and accomplished Education.

G. H. ODELL,

} Superintending School Committee of Stratham.

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